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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: US GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF US GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED BY AMB FERGUSON AM JULY 4. WOULD APPRECIATE THEREFORE COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE ASAP. SPEECH WILL UNDERGO FURTHER EDITING AND POLISHING, BUT NO ADDITIONS OF SUBSTANCE. THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN SPEECH EXCEPT PARAGRAPHS DISCUSSING THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE TAKEN OUR POSITION ON THE GA AS IT RELATES TO FOOD AND MADE IT GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO THE WORK OF THE GA IN THE ECONOMIC AREA. ABSENCE COMMENTS, WILL ASSUME SPEECH CAN BE REPRODUCED FOR DISTRIBUTION AT TIME OF DELIVERY.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

JUST A FEW DAYS AGO WE MARKED THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IT IS THEREFORE APPROPRIATE

THAT THIS, THE 59TH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, SHOULD BE THE FIRST MAJOR UN SESSION FOLLOWING OUR RECENT CELEBRATION. THIS FORTUITOUS APPROPRIATENESS SYMBOLIZES THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HEALTH TO THE WELL BEING OF MANKIND. THE FOUNDERS OF THE UN RECOGNIZED THIS WHEN THEY ASSIGNED TO THE ORGANIZATION AS ONE OF ITS PURPOSES: "TO ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SOLVING PROBLEMS OF AN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL OR HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER." BUT FOR MANY REASONS IN THE INTERVENING YEARS POLITICAL AND SECURITY PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN THE CENTRAL FOCUS OF UN DELIBERATIONS. THESE REMAIN SERIOUS PROBLEMS. PROBLEMS OF SECURITY AND POLITICAL CO-EXISTENCE, HOWEVER, DO NOT EXIST AS ISLOATED PHENOMENA. THEY ARE NOT DETACHABLE COUPONS FROM THE MAIN BOND OF THE HUMAN CONDITION. AS OUR SECRETARY OF STATE QAWVJJSFHQHUASDOQTBD # SAID IN A RECENT SPEECH: "THE PARAMOUNT NECESSITY OF OUR TIME IS THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE. BUT HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL STABILITY REQUIRES INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STABILITY. ORDER CANNOT SURVIVE IF ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS ARE CONSTANTLY BUFFETED BY CRISIS OR IF THEY FAIL TO MEET THE ASPIRATIONS OF NATIONS AND PEOPLES FOR PROGRESS."

THE 59TH ECOSOC IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT LINK IN A SERIES OF PAST AND FUTURE CONFERENCES DEDICATED TO THE RESOLUTION OF URGENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE CONVENE HERE AT A PARTICULARLY CRITICAL TIME. A SCINTILLA OF EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THW RORLD'S ECONOMY COULD BE AT AT A STAGE OF TURNING FROM SLOWDONW AND CONTRACTION TO NEW GROWTH AND EXPANSION. BUT FOR MANY NATIONAL ECONOMIES, TIME IS RELATIVE. SOME ARE YET TO EXPERIENCE THE THROES OTHER HAVE SURVIVED. WE MEET AT A TIME THEN MANY COUNTRIES, HAVING EXPERIENCED THE MOST SEVERE ECONOMIC STRAINS, ARE REVIEWING LONG HELD ECONOMIC POLICIES AND SEEKING NEW OPENINGS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COOPERATIOON. AND, OUR CONVOCATION OCCURS AT A TIME WHEN WE PERCEIVE MORE CLEARLY THE SHORTFALLS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. AND SENSE MORE KEENLY THE NEED TO RENDER ECONOMIC JUSTICE RATHER THAN TO ADJUDGE GUILT FOR REAL OR IMAGINED PAST DEEDS. IT HAS BEEN A BIT MORE THAN ONE YEAR SINCE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED ITSELF, IN ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, TO

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THE OVERWHELMING ISSUE OF THE NATURE AND SHAPE OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE. WHILE IN THAT SESSION MANY ISSUES DIVIDED US, AND SOME OF THOSE ISSUES STILL RETAIN THEIR DIVISIVE POTENTIAL; NONETHELESS THAT SESSION MARKED THE BEGINNING OF OUR PREOCCUPATION WITH THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS. THE WORD "CRISIS" HAS BECOME SUCH COMMON CURRENCY IN OUR COMMENTARIES AND EXCHANGES AS TO RISK A DEVALUATION. OF THE MEANING THROUGH OVERUSE. NONETHELESS, A SURVEY OF

GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, IMBALANCES AND INJUSTICES FULLY WARRANTS THE DENOMINATION--CRISIS--AS DESCRIPTIVE OF THE CURRENT STATE OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. BUT CRISIS ALSO CONNOTES OPPORTUNITY. RARELY IN THE MORE THAN A QUARTER CENTURY SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II HAVE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES BEEN PRESENTED TO ADDRESS THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. INDEED, IT MAY VERY WELL BE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO WORK OUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE IN THE FULL REALIZATION THAT IT IS INDEED INTERDEPENDENCE, CONSCIOUSLY PERCEIVED, THAT IS THE ORGANIZING PRINCIPLE OF OUR LABORS.

A CENTRAL CONCERN OVER THE LAST YEAR HAS BEEN THE NOMENCLATURE OF THAT WHICH WE SEEK TO ACHIEVE. THERE HAS INDEED BEEN DIVISIVENESS ON THIS ISSUE. WHETHER IN OUR LABORS WE HAVE BEEN ABOUT THE DESIGN OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER OR WHETHER WE HAVE BEEN ABOUT THE TASK OF FUNDAMENTAL REFORM OF EXISTING ORDER HAVE NEEDLESSLY CONSUMED ALL TOO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT. OUR SECRETARY OF STATE HAS CALLED FOR AN END TO THIS THEORETICAL CONFRONTATION. INDEED, WE HOPE THAT THIS ESSENTIALLY THEOLOGICAL DEBATE WILL COME TO AN END. MY GOVERNMENT HAS SOUGHT AND NOW SEEKS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS PROBLEM OF NOMENCLATURE SHOULD BE SET ASIDE IN THE INTEREST OF RESOLVING SOME OF THOSE CRUCIAL ISSUES WHICH NEED THE URGENT ATTENTION OF NOT ONLY THIS BODY, BUT THE ENTIRE UN SYSTEM. THESE PROBLEMS EXIST BY VIRTUE OF THEIR OWN IMPERATIVES. AND, THEIR SOLUTIONS WILL COMMEND THEMSELVES TO THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY ON THE BASIS NOT OF LABELS, BUT RATHER BECAUSE OF THEIR INTRINSIC JUSTICE. FOR OUR PART, THE US RECOGNIZES THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AS ARTICULATED POLICY GOALS OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF STATES WITHIN THE UN. MANY OF THESE ARTICULATED GOALS ARE RADICAL IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WORD. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE SHOULD HOPE THAT THE MUTUALITY OF RESPECT FOR DIFFERING OPINIONS WOULD EXTEND TO THOSE VIEWS ESPOUSED BY MY GOVERNMENT DERIVED FROM OUR PRINCIPLED BELIEFS AS SHAPED BY OUR NATIONAL EXPERIENCE. THE THEORETICAL-- AND AT TIMES EVEN THEOLOGICAL--DIFFERENCES NEED NOT REQUIRE THAT WE RESOLVE QUESTIONS OF PHILOSOPHY BEFORE ADDRESSING WHAT WE ALL RECOGNIZE AS PROBLEMS WHICH SIMPLY MUST BE URGENTLY ADDRESSED LEST THE HUMAN CONDITION SUSTAIN IRREDEMIABLE INJURY IN A GENERATION OF ECONOMIC WARFARE. IT IS THEN IN THE SPIRIT OF ADDRESSING THOSE ISSUES WHICH APPEAR TO BE RIPE FOR RESOLUTION THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS SOUGHT COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION IN THIS BODY AND ELSEWHERE.

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THE FIRST IMPLICATION OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE IS THAT ALL ON THIS GLOBE ARE INVOLVED IN, AND AFFECTED BY, THAT CONDITION. IT WOULD SEEM TO FOLLOW THAT ALL THOSE INVOLVED AND AFFECTED HAVE THE RIGHT--EVEN THE DUTY, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING AND RESOLVING THOSE PROBLEMS WHICH SO URGENTLY REQUIRE SOLUTION. IT IS TOO LATE IN THE DAY TO ACCEPT THAT ANY SINGLE STATE OR ANY BLOC OF STATES CAN ARROGATE UNTO THEMSELVES ALL WISDOM AND ALL POWER IN THE ORDERING OF OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM. IT IS INDEED MUCH TOO LATE IN THE DAY TO FORGET THAT JUDGMENTS AND OPINIONS CAN BE WRONG AS WELL AS BEING RIGHT. MY GOVERNMENT IS MOST HAPPY TO JOIN WITH ALL THOSE OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHO HOLD TO THE BELIEF THAT TRUE CONSENSUS REGARDING SOLUTIONS IS THE ONLY VIABLE OUTCOME OF OUR DELIBERATIONS. WE ARE PREPARED TO JOIN THE QUEST FOR CONSENSUS VERITAS. MR. CHAIRMAN, OF OVERRIDING CONCERN IS THE IMPENDING SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND, MORE IMMEDIATELY, PREPARATIONS FOR THAT ASSEMBLY IN THIS SESSION OF ECOSOC. THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION IS INCLUDED ON OUR FORMAL AGENDA. PERHAPS OF MORE IMPORTANCE IS THE FACT THAT THAT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE A SUBJECT FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND PREPARATORY CONFERENCE RECENTLY CONCLUDED IN NEW YORK. ALTHOUGH MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS REGARDING THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION REMAIN TO BE TAKEN,

OUR EFFORTS THUS FAR HAVE NOT BEEN IN VAIN. A GENERAL
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CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE EMERGING--THAT WE WILL FOCUS ON
A LIMITED NUMBER OF ITEMS OF HIGH PRIORITY, AND THAT WE WILL
SEEK MEANINGFUL POSITIVE ACTION. IT REMAINS TO BUILD ON THIS
EMERGING CONSENSUS IN AGREEING TO AN AGENDA AND PERHAPS A
GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE FORM OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE
SEVENTH SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THERE IS, HOWEVER, A FUNDAMENTAL PRE-PROBLEM WHICH MUST
BE RESOLVED AS A CONDITION FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE SEVENTH
SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY HAS NOT BEEN MUCH EXPERIENCED IN THE WORLD
OF GLOBAL ECONOMICS. EXPOUNDING THE REASONS FOR THIS
LACK NEED NOT DETAIN US NOW. IT DOES SEEM NECESSARY,
HOWEVER, TO STATE EXPLICITLY WHAT TO US SEEMS TO BE THE
OBVIOUS. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS IT IS CONSTITUTED, AND GIVEN
ITS HISTORY OVER THE LAST 39 YEARS, DOES NOT SEEM TO BE
THE INSTITUTION BEST DESIGNED TO ACTUALLY FASHION THE NECESSARY
REMEDIES TO NEGOTIATE THE REQUIRED COMMITMENTS AND TO
ADMINISTER THOSE PROCESSES THAT MIGHT BE BROUGHT INTO BEING.
OF NECESSITY, THESE TASKS MUST BE PERFORMED ELSEWHERE
AND WITH A DIFFERENT

TYPE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THOSE OF US WHO PEOPLE
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN THIS
DAWNING ERA OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE, ONLY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMES NEAR TO THAT IDEAL OF A
REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE ENTIRE GLOBE. THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY DOES HAVE THE CAPABILITY FOR THE TRUE EX-
PRESSION OF THAT PERFECT CONSENSUS OR NEARLY PERFECT
CONSENSUS OF ALL MANKIND. IT IS THE VIEW OF MY
GOVERNMENT THAT THE TRUE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS TO GIVE EXPRESSION TO THE BROAD
CONSENSUSES AS TO PRIORITIES, TO GIVE GENERAL GUIDANCE
AND TO KEEP ITSELF APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
GLOBAL ECONOMY. WE, FOR OURSELVES, ARE CERTAIN THAT
NO ONE CONTEMPLATES THAT IT WILL BE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WHICH ITSELF NEGOTIATES COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS
REFLECTING A GENERAL CONSENSUS, OR THAT THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY ITSELF WILL UNDERTAKE TO NEGOTIATE TRADE
REFORM OR A MONETARY REFORM OR THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WILL ITSELF UNDERTAKE TO FASHION ARRANGEMENTS TO
ASSURE THE FEEDING OF THE WORLD. ITS BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES
ARE CLEAR--TO OBSERVE AND KEEP UNDER REVIEW
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THE STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO DRAW ATTENTION OF MEMBER STATES TO CONDITIONS REQUIRING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS. IN THIS, IT IS NEITHER A PASSIVE OBSERVER NOR A TECHNICAL NEGOTIATING BODY. WE MIGHT THEREFORE ENVISAGE THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS IDENTIFYING AREAS OF PRIORITY INTEREST, AS ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THOSE AREAS, AND AS SETTING UP A PROCESS FOR MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS BODIES CHARGED WITH ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. IF INDEED WE CAN ALL REACH AGREEMENT ON THE FUNCTION AND ROLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS IT RELATES TO GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THEN THAT ACHIEVEMENT ALONE MAY WELL JUSTIFY OUR EFFORTS.

THE GENERAL APPROACH OF MY GOVERNMENT TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION HAS BEEN ENUNCIATED IN THE RECENT SPEECHES OF SECRETARY KISSINGER. THIS POSITIVE APPROACH IS BUTTRESSED BY A SERIOUS AND THOROUGH REVIEW OF OUR POLICIES AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE US GOVERNMENT. AS OUR VARIED POSITIONS EMERGE, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN THE DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATIONS WE ALL CONTEMPLATE. I HOPE HOWEVER, THAT IT IS CLEAR NOW THAT OUR EFFORT IS TO IDENTIFY POLICIES; FIRST, WHICH ARE RESPONSIVE IN PARTICULAR TO THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; SECOND, POLICIES WHICH ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO MEANINGFUL COOPERATIVE ACTION; AND THIRD, POLICIES TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES CAN MAKE A REAL CONTRIBUTION. THESE ARE THE PARAMETERS OF OUR OWN REVIEW. SPEAKING OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, SECRETARY KISSINGER STATED ON JUNE 23RD: "WORKING CLOSELY WITH CONGRESS, WE ARE NOW PREPARING CONCRETE DETAILED AND WE HOPE CREATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THAT SESSION. WE INTEND, WHILE FULLY PROTECTING OUR NATION'S INTERESTS, TO DEAL WITH CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES WITH REALISM, IMAGINATION, AND UNDERSTANDING. WE HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL MEET US IN THE SAME SPIRIT". WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS CIRCULATED ITS PROPOSALS REGARDING THE AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. WHILE DIFFERING IN SOME RESPECTS, WE BELIEVE THAT IN

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GENERAL THEY ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE PROPOSALS ADVANCED BY THE G-77. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TWO ADDITIONAL TOPICS--"INTERNATIONAL GOOD NEEDS" AND "THE PROBLEMS OF THE POORER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES". WE BELIEVE THAT THEY FIT INTO THE CRITERIA OF BEING OF PRIORITY INTEREST AND OF A POTENTIAL FOR EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION. IN ANY EVENT, WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTATIONS

DURING THIS SESSION TO REFINE OUR COLLECTIVE
THINKING. I WOULD EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT WE APPROACH
THE ISSUE OF THE AGENDA NOT IN TERMS OF
SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT BUT IN TERMS OF IDENTIFYING
AREAS APPROPRIATE FOR INTENSIVE CONSIDERATION BY
THE SEVEN SPECIAL SESSION.

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AMONG THE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE
SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSED BY MY GOVERNMENT,
IS THE ADDITION OF AN ITEM ON "INTERNATIONAL FOOD
NEEDS". FORMATION OF SOUND GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL
ECONOMY REQUIRES EFFECTIVE ACTION IN A NUMBER OF
CRITICAL AREAS. FIRST, WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION MUST
BE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WITH PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON
RAISING AVERAGE YIELDS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
UNTIL THIS INCREASE IS ATTAINED, FOOD NEEDS OF DE-
VELOPING COUNTRIES MUST BE MET, AT LEAST IN PART,
BY DEPENDABLE FOOD AID PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, WE
SUPPORT AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF NATIONALLY HELD
GRAIN RESERVES AS THE BEST MEANS TO ACHIEVE WORLD
FOOD SECURITY THROUGH ENHANCING THE ASSURANCE OF
AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES. THE LONG-RANGE
NEEDS FOR FOOD REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION ON PRELIMINARY
AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. MY
GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT MEETING INTERNATIONAL FOOD
NEEDS IS OF PRIME CONCERN TO THE UN SYSTEM.
THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF
THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRESS

ON THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, AND SHOULD REQUEST THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO PERIODICALLY INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ITS PROCEEDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

IF I HAVE DEALT AT LENGTH WITH PREPARATIONS
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FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, IT WAS NOT TO DENEGRATE OTHER AGENDA ITEMS BEFORE US. APPROPRIATE TO THE PURPOSE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THEY COVER A WIDE RANGE OF GENUINE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONCERNS AND COULD BY THEMSELVES FULLY OCCUPY US OVER THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS. MY DELEGATION WILL, AS APPROPRIATE, BE COMMENTING IN DETAIL ON THESE ITEMS AS THEY ARISE, BUT A FEW GENERAL COMMENTS MAY BE IN ORDER.

BOTH NATIONAL ECONOMIES AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY HAS BEEN THROUGH A TRYING PERIOD. WE ARE PARTICULARLY AWARE OF THE STRAINS PLACED ON MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACING THE MULTIPLE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL INFLATION AND RECESSION. LOOKING AT THE UNITED STATES, MOST ECONOMISTS BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVE THAT WE ARE BOTTOMING OUT AND CAN NOW ANTICIPATE A PERIOD OF GENERAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY WITH HOPEFULLY, FURTHER DECISION IN THE RATE OF INFLATION. PERHAPS WE SHOULD DRAW TWO MAJOR CONCLUSIONS FROM OUR RECENT NATIONAL EXPERIENCE. FIRST, OF COURSE, IS THE FACT OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF OUR NATIONAL ECONOMIES. AND SECOND IS THE REALIZATION OF THE IMPORTANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF COOPERATIVE ACTION AMONG NATIONS IN DEALING WITH GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. PRESIDENT FORD SPELLED THIS OUT IN TRANSMITTING HIS REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY TO THE US CONGRESS WHEN HE SAID: "THE UNITED STATES FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT OUR OWN PROBLEMS, AND THOSE OF THE REST OF THE WORLD, CAN BE DEALT WITH MOST EFFECTIVELY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION... OUR MOTIVATING PRINCIPLES, OUR STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND THE GUIDELINES WE SET FOR THE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARE EVEN MORE CRUCIAL TO OUR NATIONAL WELL-BEING, AND THAT OF THE WORLD". MR. CHAIRMAN. THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR RECENTLY CONCLUDED ITS SESSION IN MEXICO CITY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO REVIEWING THE RESULTS. AS IN OTHER INSTANCES, MY GOVERNMENT'S DELEGATION TO THAT CONFERENCE HAD RESERVATIONS CONCERNING SOME OF THE RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSED. WE FULLY SUPPORT, HOWEVER, THE UNDERLYING PURPOSE OF THE
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CONFERENCE--TO SEEK TO ENSURE THAT A PERSON WHO
HAPPENSTO BE A WOMAN WILL NOT BE CONSIGNED TO A
LIFE OF DEPRIVATIONOR IN SOME INSTANCES, A LIFE
OF MISERY SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT OF SEX.
ISSUES OF RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE, OF NATIONAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT,
OF FREEDOM FROM COLONIALISM--IN FACT ALL OF THE ITEMS
ON THE AGENDA DESERVE OUR SERIOUS ATTENTION. AND
WE WILL BE COMMENTING ON THEM LATER.
MR. CHAIRMAN, I OPENED BY REFERRING TO THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
I WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO ANOTHER ANNIVERSAYR--TODAY--
THE 199TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE-
DENCE FROM A COLONIAL YOKE. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, I
BEG YOUR INDULGENCE FOR A PERSONAL NOTE. AS I AM
PREPARING TO TAKE LEAVE OF YOU ANDMY COLLEAGUES
ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, I EAGERLY SEIZE
THIS OCCASION TO SAY TO YOU ALL THAT I CONSIDER MY
SELF TO HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO HAVE LABORED WITH
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